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"WINTER AND HOLIDAY FIRE SAFETY TIPS"

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together, but they can also mean a greater risk for fire.

Following a few simple tips for holiday decorating & entertaining will ensure a fire-safe holiday season.

HOLIDAY DECORATING

- ◆ Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- ◆ Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn, such as draperies and greenery.
- ◆ Blow out lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed.
- ◆ Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- ◆ Replace any string of lights that have worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections.
- ◆ Connect no more than three strands of mini-light sets and a



maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.

- ◆ Use clips (not nails) to suspend lights, so that their cords do not get accidentally poked when hanging them.
- ◆ Keep decorations that have lights or flames away from windows and doors.



HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- ◆ Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan. This can be a party downer, but you can do it in a pleasant way.
- ◆ Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- ◆ Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- ◆ Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- ◆ Ask smokers to smoke **outside**. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- ◆ Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



*Safety Tip source: NFPA

RIVERSIDE WELCOMES NEW FIRE CHIEF MICHAEL MOORE



On August 26, 2014 the City of Riverside welcomed new Fire Chief Michael Moore with a badge pinning ceremony at the Fox Performing Arts Center. Chief Moore comes to Riverside after working as Fire Division Chief with the Orange County Fire Authority, where he started as a firefighter/paramedic in 1982. He had worked the last 15 years in the position of Chief Officer, most recently as local Fire Chief for the City of Irvine, which contracts with the Fire Authority for fire services. Chief Moore earned his Executive Fire Officer certification from the National Fire Academy in 2005. He was awarded a Master of Public Administration degree from California State University, Long Beach in 1993 and graduated from the University of Redlands with a B.A. in Management in 1988. He earned associate degrees in Paramedical Education from Santa Ana College and Fire Service from Long Beach City College, both in 1984. "I have long admired the Riverside Fire Department for its commitment to excellence and its strong reputation among the Southern California firefighting community," Moore said. "I very much look forward to continuing the strong tradition of excellent leadership in Riverside."

Promoting Preparedness at Community Events in Riverside

Riverside Fire CERT Volunteers are one of the Fire Department Office of Emergency Management's best resources. CERT Volunteers help us throughout the year in many ways. They encourage others to be Riverside Ready by organizing disaster preparedness activities in their neighborhoods and work places. CERT Volunteers help us staff Emergency Preparedness Booths at Community Events and also help us with projects or special assignments. **WE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!!** Your continued support helps to make our program one of the **Best Programs in the State!**

Keep up the great work CERT!



Riverside Police & Fire Fall Safety Fair Oct 25
CERT Vols- Rita Rivera, Sharon Hedges, Rick Schirmer



Home Depot Fire Safety Week Oct 4
CERT Vols- David Bell Rick Schirmer, Claudia Kwiecien,
CERT Prog Mngr. Gina Perez - (not pictured - Anna Hauldren)



Grove Dental RRW Event Oct 25
CERT Vols - Mary McDaniel, Margo Miley,
Angelina Robles, Kay Diehl, TEAM Leader David Bell



CONGRATULATIONS CERT CLASS # 54 - AUGUST 2014



ALPHABETICAL ORDER: Kenneth Alexander, Alan Anderson, Jesse Aramburo, Liliana Beltran, Candice Bonner, Ronald Bonner, Dulce Busine, Veltis Caballero, James Cameron, Wendy Caprio, Jonathan Caprio, Peter Casares, Ricardo Garcia, Mollie Garza, Celeste Graham, Felipe Gutierrez, Bonnie Harsha, Ross Hrinko, Jing Hu, Lorena Jana, Julie Lindsay, Albert Lizardo, Edel Martinez, Cristian Mendez, Edwin Noriega, Lorraine Ortiz, Andrea Price, Rafael Rivera, Louie Rodriguez, Stephen Snider, Jeremy Subriar
 Past CERT "VICTIMS": Richard Bonilla, Austin Coletta, Debbie Gonzalez, Joe Hamlin, Vince Rosse, Kelly Taylor, Mary & Paul Van Doren
 CERT Instructors: Fire Captain John Peurifoy, Emergency Services Manager Tony Coletta, Firefighter Wayne Hess, Fire Captain Lisa Holloway, K-9 Handler Peter Sellas, CERT Program Manager Gina Perez

Riverside Police National Night Out Kick Off Event



AUGUST 2, 2014, CERT VOLUNTEERS Participated in the Riverside Police Department's National Night Out Kick Off event held at the Target Store on Arlington. CERT Handed out disaster preparedness information and showed how to turn off Utilities in an Emergency. Thank You CERT Volunteers: **CHERYL ART, JOHN DOUCET, DEBBIE GONZALEZ, JOE HAMLIN, MARGO MILEY, RICK SCHIRMER AND KATRINA SCHIRMER.**

Thanks CERT for helping others prepare for disasters



CERT Vols– Debbie Gonzales & Joe Hamlin



CERT Vols– John Doucet, Cheryl Art, Joe Hamlin, Katrina & Rick Schirmer

CERT Adv. Training–Providing Care to People in Crisis

On WED. July 16, **RIVERSIDE FIRE CHAPLAIN STEVE BALLINGER** instructed our class on Providing Emotional and Spiritual Care to People in Crisis and the Fire Chaplaincy Program. CERT Members received basic information on the role of a Fire Chaplain. How trauma impacts an individual, the signs and symptoms of grief and loss, and how important Critical Incident Stress Management Training is for people helping people in crisis.



In 2008 Chaplain Ballinger began Living Shield Ministries. His mission is simple. He is a "First responder to the first responders and to the community they serve." Chaplain Steve helps to train other men and women in Chaplaincy work, and then assists in placing them within the community. Thank you Chaplain Steve for all you do.

CERT Adv. Training - Operation Lifesaver & Rail Safety

On. Wed. August 20, Larry Day, Assistant Director System Safety, Metrolink provided information on First Responder Safety involving an incident on the Rail Road System. Some basics on do's and don'ts involving proper protective equipment and using extra safety precautions when helping others at an incident involving a train. He also presented information on the Operation Lifesaver program and how a few rules to follow can keep you safe when driving or walking near railroad tracks. Thank you to Ronnie Garcia BNSF Field Safety Manager for coordinating this training for us!



Stop. Look. Listen.



**ABOUT EVERY THREE HOURS,
A PERSON OR VEHICLE IS
HIT BY A TRAIN**

CONGRATULATIONS RIVERSIDE CITY EMPLOYEE CERT CLASS # 55 - SEPTEMBER 2014



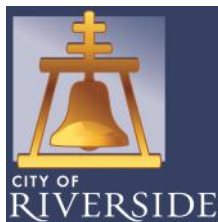
ALPHABETICAL ORDER: **Monica Amir-Blake, Dean Ayer, Kathie Buckley, Danny Cwiak, Samuel Davis, Ann Downing-Iaali, Kevin Figueroa, David Heaston, Terri Hess, Ray Hill, Russ Johnson, Stephen Kim, Usha Kurgund, Jason Lappin, Jarod Mayne, Laura Martinez, Mary McDaniel, Mary Helen Montjoy, Elaine Radke, Roberto Rangel, Rita Rivera, Catherine Sainz, Michael Sampson, Shannon Simmers, Kelly Sklarsky, Adrian Varela, Amy Wang, Mike Whitham**

PAST CERT "VICTIMS": **Cheryl Art, Claudia Kwiecien, Margo Miley, Kay Powley,**

CERT Instructors: Fire Captain John Peurifoy, Emergency Services Manager Tony Coletta, Firefighter Wayne Hess, Fire Captain Lisa Holloway, K-9 Handler Peter Sellas, CERT Program Manger Gina Perez



CERT Participants practice Splinting & Bandaging during Disaster Medical Skills Training



CERT Search & Rescuers Danny Cwiak, Ray Hill, David Heaston and Kevin Figueroa carry victim to the Treatment Area

"FOOD SAFETY DURING AND AFTER A DISASTER"

FOOD SAFETY - Food may not be safe to eat during and after a disaster. Safe water for drinking, cooking, and personal hygiene includes bottled, boiled, or treated water.

HAND WASHING - After a disaster, finding running water can be difficult; however, keeping your hands clean helps you avoid getting sick.

- Wash your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds.
- When water is not available, use alcohol-based hand sanitizers.
- Wash hands before preparing or eating food and after going to the bathroom.

THROW AWAY FOOD THAT MAY NOT BE SAFE TO EAT

- Throw away food that may have come in contact with flood or storm water.
- Throw away food that has an unusual odor, color, or texture.
- Throw away perishable foods (including meat, poultry, fish, eggs, and leftovers) that have been above 40° Fahrenheit (F) for 4 hours or more.
- Throw away canned foods that are bulging, opened, or damaged.
- Throw away food in containers with screw-caps, snap-lids, crimped caps (soda pop bottles), twist caps, flip tops, snap-open, and home canned foods if they have come into contact with floodwater. These containers can't be safely disinfected without contaminating the food inside.
- Do not use contaminated water to wash dishes, brush your teeth, wash/prepare food, wash your hands, make ice, or make baby formula. Thawed food that contains ice crystals or is 40° F or below can be refrozen or cooked.



STORE FOOD SAFELY - While the power is out, keep the refrigerator and freezer doors closed as much as possible. The refrigerator will keep food safely cold for about 4 hours if it is unopened. A full freezer will hold the temperature for approximately 48 hours (24 hours if it is half full) **IF** the door remains closed.



Clean and Sanitize Contact with Surfaces

The Centers for Disease Control recommends discarding the following items if they have come in contact with flood waters: wooden cutting boards, baby bottle nipples, and pacifiers. These items cannot be properly sanitized if they have come into contact with contaminated flood waters. **Clean and sanitize food-contact surfaces** in a four-step process:

1. Wash with soap and warm, clean water.
2. Rinse with clean water.
3. Sanitize by immersing for 1 minute in a solution of 1 teaspoon of chlorine bleach (5.25%, unscented) per gallon of water.
4. Allow to air dry.

Related Resources: Consumers' questions and concerns about food safety: USDA Meat and Poultry Hotline: 1-888-MPHotline; website: www.fsis.usda.gov/Food_Safety_Education/da_meat_&poultry_hotline/index.asp When to wash your hands and how to do it without running water: www.bt.cdc.gov/disasters/handhygiene.asp. U.S. Department of Agriculture General fact sheet and frequently asked questions (FAQs) on food and water safety, including guidance on when to discard perishable foods: www.fsis.usda.gov/factsheets/keeping_food_Safe_during_an_emergencyindex.asp. Comprehensive food safety information: www.cdc.gov/foodsafety. American Red Cross www.redcross.org.



September - National Preparedness Month 4th Annual Ready Riverside Emergency Preparedness Fair



On SAT. SEPT 27, NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH 4th ANNUAL READY RIVERSIDE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS FAIR (Tyler St. Riverside Target Store Parking Lot.) There was displays from; Riverside Fire & Police Departments, AMR, Red Cross, CERT, Community Access Center, The Gas Company,

Riverside City Public Utilities ,Ca. Operation Lifesaver, Parks, Rec.& Comm. Services, Riverside 311 Call Center, National Weather Service San Diego Office, Riverside Co. Public Health Emergency Prep & Response, and Emergency Amateur Radio Groups. Attendees received info on developing a family emergency plan and free smoke detectors. Many learned "Hands Only CPR" and watched Search Dog Demos. Kids learned Fire Safety and practiced Stop Drop and Roll at the Fire Safety Trailer. Thanks CERT Volunteers for all your help at this event!

Gina Perez

Community Preparedness Coordinator
Riverside Fire Department



Aug 26, Mayor Rusty Bailey Proclaimed SEPTEMBER as National Preparedness Month at the City Council Meeting



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SAVE THE DATE: CERT ACTIVITIES AND CLASSES

Community Emergency Response Team 20-Hour Basic Course Training FEBRUARY 2015

Riverside City Employee Only

Riverside Fire EOC Training Center

Dates: FEB 5, Thurs. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

• FEB 10, Tues. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

• FEB 12, Thurs. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

• FEB 17, Tues. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

• FEB 19, Thurs. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

• FEB 24, Tues. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

• FEB 26, Thurs. 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Must attend all dates for
FEMA Certificate &
CERT BACKPACK WITH GEAR**

MARCH 2015

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

20 Hour Basic Course

Riverside Fire EOC Training Center

Dates: ♦ March 6, Friday

6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

♦ March 7, , Saturday

8:00 am to 5:00 pm

♦ March 8, , Sunday

8:00 am to 5:00 pm

**Must attend all dates for
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CERT BACKPACK WITH GEAR**

Online Registration at:

[http://riversideca.gov/fire/
specialprograms/cert/forms/
CertRegisterTrainingBasic.aspx](http://riversideca.gov/fire/specialprograms/cert/forms/CertRegisterTrainingBasic.aspx)
Course fee \$15.00.

CERT ADVANCED TRAINING RIVERSIDE CERT Members Only

• CERT Adv. Training - **SANDBAGGING**

February 18, Wed. 6 pm to 8 pm

**Instructor: Fire Capt. John Peurifoy &
EOC Staff**

Riverside Fire EOC Training Center

Online registration at:

[www.riversideca.gov/fire/
specialprograms/cert/forms/
CertRegisterTrainingAdvanced.aspx](http://www.riversideca.gov/fire/specialprograms/cert/forms/CertRegisterTrainingAdvanced.aspx)

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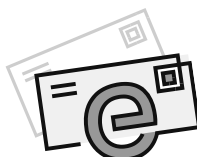
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